SECOND DAY.—*Tuesday, 7th June 1932.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Continued*).

MESSRS. A. M. VENKATASAMIAH (Closepet Municipality), VEERASANJEEVAGOWDA (Closepet Taluk) and T. MADIAH GOWDA (Special Interest).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Have any attempts been made by Government for the construction of a tank at Bidadi in Closepet Taluk?

(*b*) What is the estimated cost of the work?

(*c*) What progress has so far been made?

(*d*) Is the work still going on?

(*e*) If the work has been stopped, what are the reasons for the same?

(*f*) If the work is stopped, will it not be a greater loss to Government?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—5. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 2,21,540.

(*c*) The outlay so far is Rs. 28,000.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Due to the present financial stringency.

(*f*) No.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

With reference to the answer to Sub-Section (*a*), may I know how long it is since attempts were made to construct the tank?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

About 4 years.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

The answer to Sub-Section (*c*) shows that the outlay so far is Rs. 28,000. In what year was it sanctioned and incurred?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It was sanctioned in 1927-28 but incurred in the following year or the year after that.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Is it a fact that revised estimates for completing the work are under contemplation?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

Yes.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to complete the work as early as possible?

Dewan.—

The main difficulty is that the contributions from the raiyats are very meagre.

Mr A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Are the Government aware that this is the only major tank in the whole taluk and that even then, it has no water at all, and so no cultivation under it is possible?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

I want notice.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Is there any idea of dropping the scheme entirely or do the Government expect to complete its execution soon?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

There is no idea of dropping the scheme but it is not possible now to say when it can be completed. The idea is to complete it as soon as possible.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary funds available for completing it during the current or at least the next year?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It is not found possible to provide funds for it during the current year; whether it will be possible to do so next year will be considered.

Dewan.—

It is a big estimate of over Rs. 2 lakhs.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Funds may be provided in instalments. We should be glad if the scheme is completed even in four years.

Dewan.—

That will be of no great use. If we take so long to complete it, the interest charges will be very heavy. Once the work is resumed, it must be completed soon.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

When the estimate was sanctioned, how did Government expect to finance the scheme in subsequent years?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

The condition of the State's finances then was much better than now.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Will not the work so far done go to waste on account of heavy rains, etc., if it is not completed early?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

No; the *katte* is only 4 or 5 feet high and rains will not affect it much.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Are not tank works more important for raiyats than industrial concerns, for example, for which the Government are providing large sums of money?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

The case does not lend itself for comparisons of the kind.

MR. T. SIDDALINGIAH (Dodballapur Municipality).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state (i) how many superannuated officers of the Mysore Government